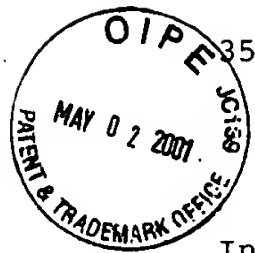


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications: 8-292372, 8-292371, 9-5650, 9-222561, 9-331473, 6-326900 were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed herewith.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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